

**Asset Practice Questions: English**

1. The words "We were like rats in front of a cat" mean that the children were very

A. naughty

B. frightened

C. troublesome

D. foolish

2. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence below.   
The beautiful jasmine flowers filled the air in the tiny room with their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. taste

B. breeze

C. sight

D. scent

3. Choose the word that can complete the sentence below:

If we want to say something very softly into someone's ears, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the words.

A. scream

B. whisper

C. stammer

D. spell out

4. The cobbler sang merily while he mended shoes.

The spelling of one word in the sentence above is WRONG. Choose the option that shows that word.

A. cobbler

B. mended

C. while

D. merily

5. What can be added AFTER '' house '' to make a NEW and CORRECT word?

A. fire

B. hold

C. shelf

D. room

6. Which word in the sentence should be changed to make the sentence correct?   
'The lonely dog barking loudly in the silence of the night.'

A. 'lonely' to 'alone'

B. 'barking' to 'barked'

C. 'loudly' to 'loudest'

D. 'quiet' to 'quite'

7. In which sentence does the word 'back' have the same meaning that it has in the sentences below?

'She scribbled some notes on the back of an envelope.'

A. Brijesh sat back in his chair.

B. My friend gave my book back to me.

C. The dog looked back at us.

D. The back of the scale is too rough.

**Bitten or Not**

The Mulla was made the judge of his village. Everyday he would listen to cases and decide who was to blame for what had happened and announce their punishments.

One day, a rather difficult case came to his court. A man said that the farmer had bitten his ear in a fight. The farmer said that the man was mad and that he had seen him biting his own ear. But nobody else saw that.

The Mulla said, ‘It is very difficult to decide this matter. I need to think. So we will meet again after half an hour.’

After half an hour, in the courtroom, Mulla Nasruddin cleared his throat and spoke: ‘ I have found a way to solve this problem. Examine this man ‘s head. If it is swollen, that means he bit his own ear. And the farmer is free. But if he is not injured, that means the farmer bit him and must be punished.’

The guards saw the man s head and found that it was not hurt in any way. Nasruddin fined the farmer twenty pieces of silver.

‘How did you know what was true?,’ asked a friend

‘It was easy’, replied Nasruddin. ‘In the half hour break I tried to bite my own ear. But each time I fell over and hit my head. I also got a lump on my head. So I knew if a man had bitten himself, there would be a swelling on his head too.’

Source: Bitten or Not, The Funny Tales of Mulla Nasruddin, Rupa & Co.2001.

8. What word in the story tells us that the farmer was punished?

A. injured

B. found

C. tried

D. fined

9. "How did you know what was true?" asked a friend.

The friend asked this question because...

A. he wanted to check if Mulla was a silly man.

B. he wanted to understand how Mulla knew what to do.

C. he wanted to know why Mulla took long to decide.

D. he wanted to see whether Mulla spoke the truth.

10. How did Mulla find out which person was lying in the story?

A. by talking to the farmer and the man during the half-hour break

B. by watching where the farmer and the man went during the break

C. by trying out what the farmer said during the half-hour break

D. by walking up and down and thinking about the farmer for half an hour

11. How do you think Mulla Nasruddin felt after his half-hour break?

A. disappointed

B. troubled

C. satisfied

D. tired

12. The story is MAINLY about

A. how well the Mulla settled a tough problem.

B. how the Mulla got a lump on his head.

C. why the farmer and the man fought.

D. who was the best man in the village.